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1 1. - 6. (Cancelled)

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1 7. (Currently Amended) A content reproduction apparatus, comprising:
2 content storing means for storing commercial content;
3 receiving means for receiving broadcast programs;
4 first reproducing means for reproducing the received broadcast programs on a
5 monitor;

6 registered instruction storing means for storing one or more specified user
7 instructions;

8 instruction receiving means for receiving [[a]] user instructions;
9 instruction judging means for judging whether the received user instruction
10 corresponds to any of the stored user instructions; and

11 control means for controlling a reproduction period of the stored commercial
12 content in accordance with a type of the received user instructions; and
13 second reproducing means for reproducing the stored commercial content on the
14 monitor under the reproduction period control of the control means when the received
15 user instruction is judged to correspond to one of the stored user instructions.

1 8. (Currently Amended) The content reproduction apparatus of claim 7, the
2 second reproducing means including
3 display-mode controlling means for controlling a reproduction display-mode of
4 the commercial content in accordance with a content the type of the user instruction
5 judged to correspond to one of the stored user instructions.

1 9. (Currently Amended) The content reproduction apparatus of claim 8, further
2 comprising the control means including:

3 cancelling means for canceling a reproduction of the commercial content, and

4 the cancelling means further including

5 termination instruction receiving means for receiving a termination instruction

6 from a user to terminate the reproduction of the commercial content being reproduced;

7 and

8 acceptance judging means for judging, in accordance with ~~a content~~ the type of
9 the user instruction judged to correspond to one of the stored user instructions, whether
10 the termination instruction should be accepted,

11 wherein the cancelling control means cancels has the second reproducing means

12 i) terminate the reproduction of the commercial content being reproduced when the
13 termination instruction is judged to be acceptable, and ii) continue the reproduction of
14 the commercial content for a predetermined time period from the start of reproduction

15 when the termination instruction is judged to be not acceptable.

1 10. (Currently Amended) The content reproduction apparatus of claim 9,

2 wherein the further comprising cancelling means cancels the reproduction of the
3 commercial content during the broadcast program when the broadcast program is a
4 specified broadcast program.

1 11. (Original) The content reproduction apparatus of claim 10, the canceling
2 means including

3 broadcast program type judging means for judging whether the broadcast
4 program being reproduced is a pay broadcast program; and

5 subscription judging means for judging, when the broadcast program is judged
6 to be the pay broadcast program, whether the broadcast program being reproduced has
7 been subscribed,

8 wherein the canceling means cancels the reproduction of the commercial content
9 when the broadcast program is judged to be a subscribed pay broadcast program.

1 12. (Currently Amended) The content reproduction apparatus of claim 7, further
2 comprising:

3 canceling means for canceling a reproduction of the commercial content, and

4 the canceling means further including

5 termination instruction receiving means for receiving a termination instruction
6 from a user to terminate the reproduction of the commercial content being reproduced;
7 and

8 acceptance judging means for judging, in accordance with a content the type of
9 the user instruction judged to correspond to one of the stored user instructions, whether
10 the termination instruction should be accepted,

11 wherein the canceling control means cancels has the second reproducing means
12 i) terminate the reproduction of the commercial content being reproduced when the
13 termination instruction is judged to be acceptable, and ii) continue the reproduction of

14 the commercial content for a predetermined time period from the start of reproduction
15 when the termination instruction is judged to be not acceptable.

1 13. (Currently Amended) The content reproduction apparatus of claim 12,
2 wherein the further comprising canceling means cancels the reproduction of the
3 commercial content during the broadcast program when the broadcast program is a
4 specified broadcast program.

1 14. (Original) The content reproduction apparatus of claim 13, the canceling
2 means including

3 broadcast program type judging means for judging whether the broadcast
4 program being reproduced is a pay broadcast program; and
5 subscription judging means for judging, when the broadcast program is judged
6 to be the pay broadcast program, whether the broadcast program being reproduced has
7 been subscribed;

8 wherein the canceling means cancels the reproduction of the commercial content
9 when the broadcast program is judged to be a subscribed pay broadcast program.

1 15. -16 (Cancelled)

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1 17. (Currently Amended) A reproduction method for a content reproduction apparatus
2 having both content storing means for storing commercial content and registered instruction
3 storing means for storing one or more specified user instructions, comprising:
4 a receiving step for receiving broadcast programs;
5 a first reproducing step for reproducing the received broadcast programs on a monitor;
6 an instruction receiving step for receiving [[a]] user instructions;
7 an instruction judging step for judging whether the received user instruction corresponds
8 to any of the stored user instructions; and
9 a control step of controlling a reproduction period of the stored commercial content in
10 accordance with a type of the received user instruction; and
11 a second reproducing step for reproducing the stored commercial content on the monitor
12 under the reproduction period control of the control step, when the received user instruction is
13 judged to correspond to one of the stored user instructions.

1 18. (Cancelled)

1 19. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus for recording a computer program
2 which is used by a content reproduction apparatus having both content storing means for storing
3 commercial content and registered instruction storing means for storing one or more specified
4 user instructions, the computer program comprising:
5 a receiving step for receiving broadcast programs;
6 a first reproducing step for reproducing the received broadcast programs on a monitor;
7 an instruction receiving step for receiving [[a]] user instructions;

8 an instruction judging step for judging whether the received user instruction corresponds
9 to any of the stored user instructions; and

10 a control step of controlling a reproduction period of the stored commercial content in
11 accordance with a type of the received user instruction; and

12 a second reproducing step for reproducing the stored commercial content on the monitor
13 under the reproduction period control of the control step, when the received user instruction is
14 judged to correspond to one of the stored user instructions.

1 20. (New) A content reproduction apparatus for selectively displaying to a subscriber
2 user broadcast program content (BC) data and commercial content (CC) data comprising:

3 a BC data receiving unit;

4 a BC processing unit for processing BC data from the BC receiving unit to enable
5 display of the BC data;

6 a CC data receiving unit;

7 a CC processing unit for processing CC data from the CC data receiving unit to
8 enable display of the CC data;

9 a CC storage unit connected to the CC processing unit to store CC data;

10 a user interface unit for receiving user instructions;

11 a BC output control unit connected to the BC processing unit responsive to user
12 instruction;

13 apparatus information storage unit for storing BC information, subscription
14 information and pre-select information;

15 a CC output control unit connected to the CC processing unit; and
16 a CC output notification unit connected to the CC output control unit, the user
17 interface unit and the apparatus information storage unit for specifying a selected channel
18 and controlling the CC output control unit to output CC data in the event that a pre-
19 determined time period of appropriate duration for CC data reproduction is available
20 relative to BC data reproduction.

1 21. (New) The content reproduction apparatus of claim 20, wherein the CC output
2 notification unit can further output CC data when one of BC data reproduction is not being
3 broadcast and the BC data is a non-subscriber pay broadcast.